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Member of the Board of Revenue. They have not finished their work yet; so, it is not possible to place anything on the table of the House at present."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" If the policy of the Government is to separate the Judiciary from the Executive, may I know why the two were combined in Pudukkottai and they have thus acquired notoriety?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" That question will be taken up in due course."

Construction of a bridge on the Nellore-Bombay road at Boyallachiruvilla.

* 281 Q.—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations made by the Atmakur Ryots Association and the people of Atmakur in May and June 1952 addressed to the district officials and the Hon. the Minister concerned with regard to the construction of a bridge on the Nellore-Bombay road at Boyallachiruvilla; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer (Highways)."

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that representations have been made to Government regarding the construction of the bridge at Boyallachiruvilla."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The Chief Engineer (Highways) has been asked to consult the Chief Engineer (Irrigation), if necessary, on this aspect of the question."

Construction of the Kuttipuram bridge across the " Bharathapuzha ".

* 282 Q.—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for the slow progress in the construction of the Kuttipuram bridge across the " Bharathapuzha " in Malabar;

(b) whether the contractor's work was found to be unsatisfactory and if so, what steps have been taken against him;

(c) how long has the work on this bridge construction been going on and when is it expected to be completed; and

(d) what is the estimated cost of the bridge and how much has been spent so far?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) to (d) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House."

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SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state the name of the contractor and the original estimate, whether the terms of the contract were strictly enforced, and also which of the Government departments, the Public Works Department or the Highways, is in charge of this contract? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member should put each question separately."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" I put all the four questions together so that time may be saved."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The name of the contractor is Messrs. The Modern Housing Construction and Properties, Limited. The original estimate was for Rs. 11·35 lakhs. Subsequently, it was revised to Rs. 12 lakhs and again it was revised to Rs. 18·5 lakhs. As the contractor did not do his work properly, he was also punished and he was fined to the extent of Rs. 3,000. The work is expected to be completed in another fifteen months. The work so far done is for about Rs. 12 lakhs, and the work yet to be done is for about Rs. 8·26 lakhs."

Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli.

* 283 *Q.*—SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average number of in-patients treated every month in the District Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, for the past two years;

(*b*) the average number of patients admitted in the maternity ward attached to the hospital;

(*c*) whether a new building is under construction to house the maternity ward; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to reduce the number of beds which was provided in the original plan?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) to (*d*) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House."

11 a.m. SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" If there is going to be no reduction of bed strength, may I know why when the Government gave administrative sanction for Rs. 4 lakhs odd in G.O. No. 2526, dated the 16th June 1951, they have allotted only Rs. 1,90,000 in this year's Budget? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I think the building work will be spread over more than one year."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that medicines are not supplied from the

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 695 infra.